



AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [0017]:

[0017.1] Figure 1a is a top view similar to Figure 1 and showing a ring gear and a pinion that provide a displacement unit.

[0017.2] Figure 1b is an enlarged, cross-sectional view taken in the direction of arrows 1b of Figure 1.

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] Figure 1 shows an internal gear pump having a housing 1, ~~in which~~ and Figure 1a shows within housing 1 a ring gear (not shown) 60 with internal teeth and a pinion (also not shown) 62 with external teeth. Ring gear 60 and pinion 62 are rotatably arranged and supported and provide a displacement unit.

The pinion can be rotatably supported within the housing 1 by a tubular bearing. A shaft, such as a drive shaft, can extend through the tubular bearing. The drive shaft can have a connection element, such as a substantially annular flange element that is non-rotatably connected to the drive shaft and is also non-rotatably connected to the pinion 62, so that the pinion can be driven when the drive shaft is rotated. The flange element can have at least one radially inward projection, or several projections, that engage with opposed teeth or corresponding recesses in the shaft. Radially outward, the flange element can have external teeth or projections that engage with corresponding internal teeth

or recesses in the pinion. Preferably, at least two, for example three, projections are provided that engage with corresponding receptacles in the pinion.

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

[0022] Within the housing is ~~an~~ a receiving chamber 5 for a the displacement unit ~~(not shown)~~. The displacement unit includes, for example, the gears described above. The structure and function of a gear pump, especially an internal gear pump, are presumed to be known to those skilled in the art and are therefore not further described herein

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] Spacer elements 20, 21, 22, 23 are arranged on the sides of the pressure plate 14 opposite from the recess 15, between the pressure plate 14 and the housing 1. The spacer elements 20 to 23 serve to uncouple the pressure plate 14 from the housing 1. That uncoupling has the effect of preventing the transmission of structure-borne noise from the pressure plate 14 to the housing 1. The spacer elements 20 to 23 are so formed as to be able to compensate for slight movements of the pressure plate 14 relative to the housing 1, so that the pressure plate 14 does not come into contact with the housing 1. Figure 1b is a longitudinal, cross-sectional view showing the several elements described above.